

A wooden gazebo with a dark roof and light-colored railings stands on a calm pond. The background is filled with lush green trees and foliage, creating a serene outdoor setting. The text is overlaid on this background.

Montgomery Village Public Safety Town Hall

**hosted by
Councilmember Craig Rice**

We will begin shortly

**Text your questions for our Public Safety officials to
240-686-5334**

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We welcome your questions.

If you are joining us via Zoom, you may use the chat function to ask our panelists your questions.

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Our Public Safety Officials



Captain Michael Ward
6th District Commander
Montgomery County Police Department



Fire Chief Scott Goldstein
Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services



Sheriff Darren Popkin
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office



John McCarthy
Montgomery County State's Attorney

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MCPD District 6

45 West Watkins Mill Road

Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878

Main number: 240-773-5700

Investigative Section: 240-773-5770

Community Services Officer : 240-773-5757

Captain Michael Ward, Commander

6DCommander@montgomerycountymd.gov

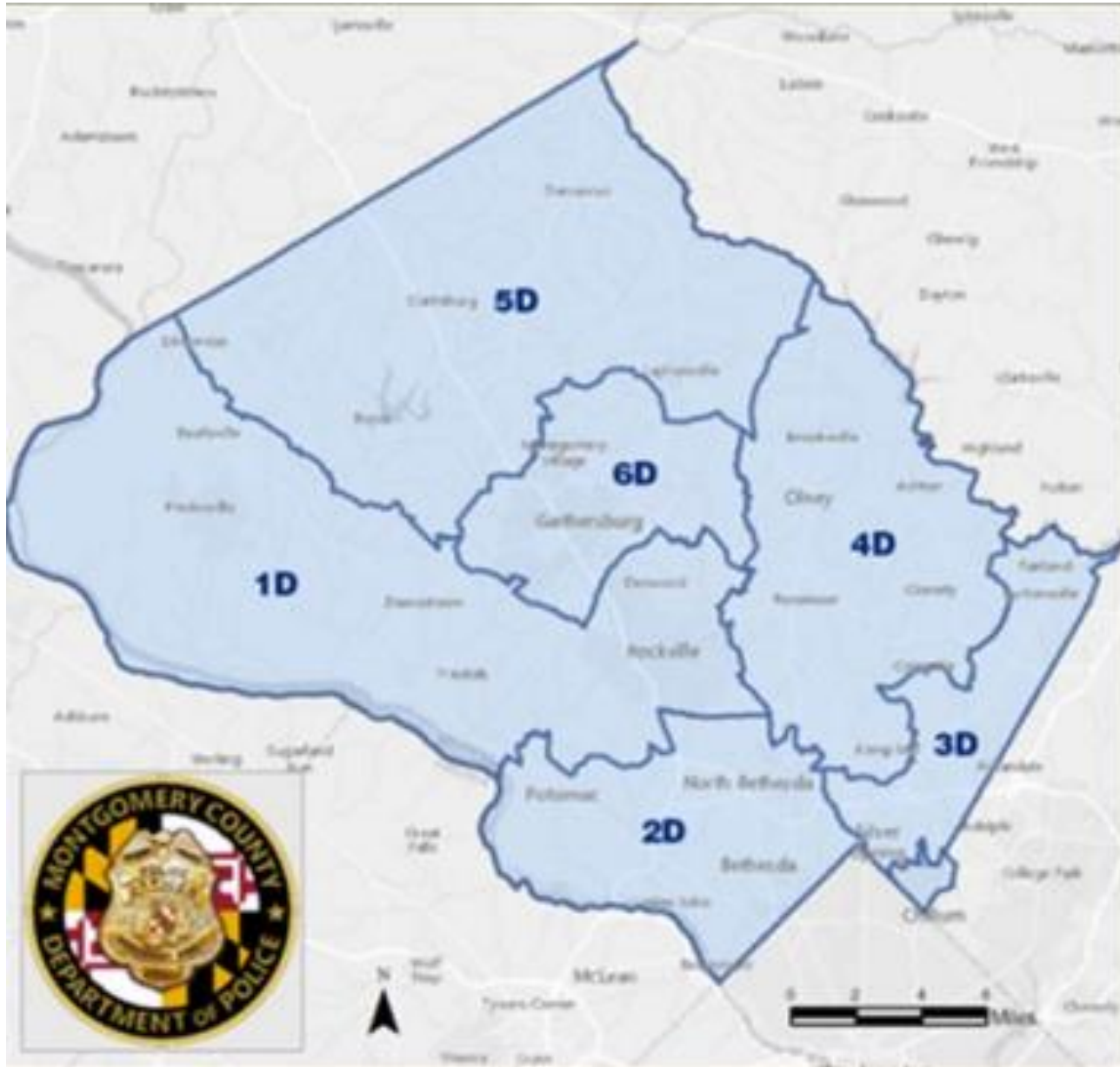
Sixth District Lieutenants

Lieutenant Christopher Fumagalli, Deputy Commander

Lieutenant Jae Hwang, Deputy Commander

Lieutenant Brian Merryman, Deputy Commander

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MCP 6th District
40.6 sq. miles
Population: 158,711

Encompasses
Montgomery Village,
Gaithersburg City, Airpark,
Rio, and Kentlands.

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Year to Date Crime Statistics

	7 Day (2020/10/25 to 2020/10/31)			28 Days (2020/10/03 to 2020/10/31)			YTD (2020/01/01 to 2020/10/31)		
	Previous	Current	% Change	Previous	Current	% Change	Previous	Current	% Change
Homicide	0	0	0	1	0	(100.0%)	2	3	50.0%
Rape	3	0	(100.0%)	6	6	0	56	56	0
Robbery	2	2	0	4	10	150.0%	70	58	(17.1%)
Agg Assault	10	1	(90.0%)	13	23	76.9%	152	178	17.1%
Burglary	3	0	(100.0%)	32	11	(65.6%)	163	162	(.6%)
Larceny	43	34	(20.9%)	172	149	(13.4%)	1,640	1,591	(3.0%)
Auto Theft	3	7	133.3%	17	18	5.9%	131	159	21.4%
TOTAL	64	44	(31.3%)	245	217	(11.4%)	2,214	2,207	(.3%)

Decreases in Robbery (17.1%), Burglary (.6%), and Larceny (3.0%)
Increases in Aggravated Assault 17.1%, Auto Theft 21.4%

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Community Concerns

**Traffic Complaints
(Car Meet-Ups, Speeding, Loud Noise)**

Theft From Auto (Unlocked Vehicle)

Gang Activity

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6th District Community Engagement



**Community Services Officer Kim Jones
Montgomery Village Team
District Community Action Team**

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Maryland's New Residential Smoke Alarm Law (2018)

What you need to know:

- Requires the replacement of any battery-only smoke alarm with a 10-year, long-life, sealed battery smoke alarm. "Old" 9-volt battery-powered smoke alarms are not in compliance with the new law.
- Smoke alarms may not be older than 10 years from the date of manufacture.
- Smoke alarms are required on every level, including basements.

When replacing smoke alarms:

- Year of construction (or renovation) determines the type (power source) and location of smoke alarms.
- AC/hard-wired alarms **MUST** be replaced with AC/hard-wired alarms. You cannot replace required hard-wired smoke alarms with battery-only alarms.
- Additional alarms required as of January 2018 (such as in a basement) may be battery-powered if the alarm is a 10-year, long-life, sealed alarm.



When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place. Call the fire department from a cell or neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department tells you it is safe to go back inside.

Call 311 for a **FREE** Home Safety Check

www.mcfrs.org/mcsafe



Montgomery County's NEW Carbon Monoxide Alarm Law

Effective July 1, 2019 all single, two-unit and townhouse dwellings built before 2008 that have a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage are required to install and maintain Carbon Monoxide Alarms.

Maryland State Law has required Carbon Monoxide Alarms in newly-constructed homes since January 2008.

The Silent Killer

Potential Carbon Monoxide Sources in Your Home

The diagram illustrates a cross-section of a house with various rooms and potential carbon monoxide sources. A chimney is shown on the roof, and a cracked flue is indicated. A car is shown in the garage, and a furnace is shown in the basement. A living room with a fireplace and a bedroom with a space heater are also shown. A kitchen with a gas oven and a range hood is depicted. A car is shown in the garage, and a furnace is shown in the basement. A living room with a fireplace and a bedroom with a space heater are also shown. A kitchen with a gas oven and a range hood is depicted.

Chimney
Clogged or blocked chimney opening

Bedroom
Unvented space heater

Cracked Flue

Living Room
Gas or wood burning fireplace

Kitchen
Improperly installed or faulty gas oven, range or cooktop vent

Garage

- Auto exhaust fumes
- Operating barbecue grill in enclosed area
- Powered outdoor equipment operated close to home

Basement
Improperly installed or faulty gas clothes dryer, furnace or water heater

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

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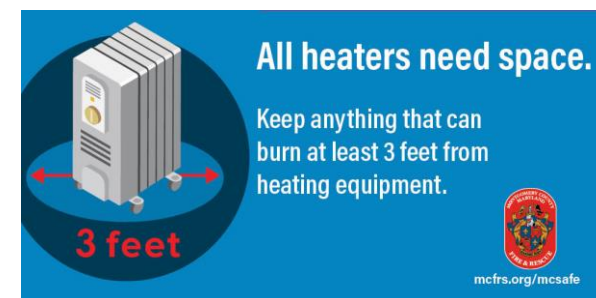
Carbon Monoxide is one of the leading causes of accidental poisoning deaths. The odorless, tasteless and colorless gas, known as "The Silent Killer," is undetectable to human senses. CO is produced by common household appliances that burn fossil fuels, including gas or oil furnaces, water heaters, clothes dryers, space heaters, gas ovens and wood burning or gas fireplaces. Other potential sources include cracked flues or blocked chimneys, car exhaust fumes entering the house from an attached garage, lawnmowers, propane garage heaters, power washers and propane fired pool heaters. Early symptoms of CO poisoning such as headaches, nausea and fatigue are often mistaken for the flu and the gas goes undetected in the home. Prolonged exposure to CO can lead to brain damage and even death. Installing a carbon monoxide alarm on each level of the home is the first line of defense homeowners have against this household hazard.

Sources: www.safeathome.ca, kidde smoke and CO alarms



Space Heaters account for 43% of home heating fires and 85% of home heating fire deaths. (NFPA)

There's no place like home. Keep it safe.



Unattended cooking is the LEADING cause of home fires.

- Stay in the kitchen whenever you are cooking. If you must leave, turn off the burner.
- Keep a pot lid or a cookie sheet nearby to cover a small pan or grease fire. Never move a burning pan.
- Don't delay calling 911.
- Set a timer to remind you that you are cooking. It is very easy to get distracted by electronics and lose track of time.

Don't overload your home.

With everyone spending more time at home and homes doing triple duty as virtual classrooms, workplaces, gyms and beyond, it's more important than ever to make fire safety a top priority in your home.

Power strips and extension cords should be used with caution and are designed to be temporary and not permanent solutions. Extension cords and power strips provide more outlets – NOT more power.

Cool your ashes!

Every year "cold" ashes result in house fires. Take extreme care when disposing ashes. Treat all ashes and coals as HOT ashes, even when you think they have had enough time to cool.

- Allow ashes to cool in place for several days, when possible.
- When it's time to dispose of ashes, transfer them to a metal container and wet them down. Only use an approved metal ash bucket that has a tight-fitting metal lid.
- Store the container outside, away from structures, decks, fences, wood piles or other combustible materials.

Space Heater Safety

While space heaters can be quick way to heat up a chilly room, they come with a big warning label.

- Space heaters cause over 40% of home heating fires and 85% of home heating fire deaths.
- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet from all combustible materials including bedding, furniture, curtains, paper, etc.
- Keep small children and pets away from space heaters.
- Always turn off heaters before leaving your home or going to bed.



Candle fires are UP.

- Never leave a burning candle unattended, keep candles away from anything that might catch fire & keep candles out of reach of kids & pets. Better yet - go flameless.
- Use common sense: make sure the area around your candle is free of clutter. Watch for sporadic airflow around the candle which can cause the flame of shift direction.
- **Never use candles during a power outage or as a nightlight. Flashlights or other battery-powered lights are much safer than candles.**



Don't risk a dryer fire.

- Make sure you clean the lint filter after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- Turn the dryer OFF if you leave home or when you go to bed.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- Make sure the exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap opens when the dryer is operating.
- Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean the lint out of the vent pipe or have a professional service your dryer.



Smoke alarms are your FIRST line of defense in surviving a fire.

- Age matters. Check the date on your smoke alarms. Replace with new alarms EVERY 10 years from the date of manufacture printed on the back of every alarm (or as recommended by the manufacturer).
- Be sure to follow County Code requirements for the locations and type of smoke alarms required for your home.



Your safety is our TOP priority. While the pandemic has changed how we deliver our community-facing programs, our Community Outreach team is available to assist you.

Have Qs? Need assistance? We're here to help! Call 311 or visit our website to schedule a call back or a "virtual" home safety visit.

Bookmark our website, visit our blog and check us out on social media to keep current with trending safety issues.

Please check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and conduct a Home Fire Drill...today.

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The Montgomery County Family Justice Center

- **Central hub for domestic violence services in Montgomery County**
- **Government and non-profit service providers co-located in downtown Rockville providing free, critical, wraparound services to victims of abuse and their children**
- **Has remained fully open throughout the COVID-19 public health crisis and associated lockdowns**
 - **Many allied agencies offering services virtually**
 - **Social distancing and health screening measures in place**
 - **Face coverings and temperature checks required for staff and clients**
 - **Routine disinfecting of all high touch areas throughout the day**
 - **Decrease in Clients in April and May, numbers rebounded to pre-COVID levels in June and continued to increase through the summer**
 - **Case severity and danger level have increased significantly since pandemic began**



Additional COVID response from the FJC

- Set up COVID-19 Resources Page on the FJC website
- Created a dedicated safe e-mail account (safe@montgomerycountymd.gov) for those who cannot safely make a phone call or leave their homes.
- Collaborated with the Police Department, State's Attorney's Office, County Executive's Office, and other stakeholders on a family violence awareness and prevention campaign during COVID-19 lockdowns to ensure the public knew that the FJC was open
- In lieu of a traditional Summer Camp experience, the Safe Start Program for children who witness domestic violence hosted virtual camp activities throughout the summer via Zoom. All children were sent packages of supplies so they could continue their therapeutic program through virtual art therapy and other fun activities.



**Do you feel unsafe at home?
Are you concerned about a neighbor or loved one?
Free help is available.**

**¿Se siente inseguro en su casa?
¿Está preocupado por su vecino o ser querido?
Hay ayuda gratuita disponible.**

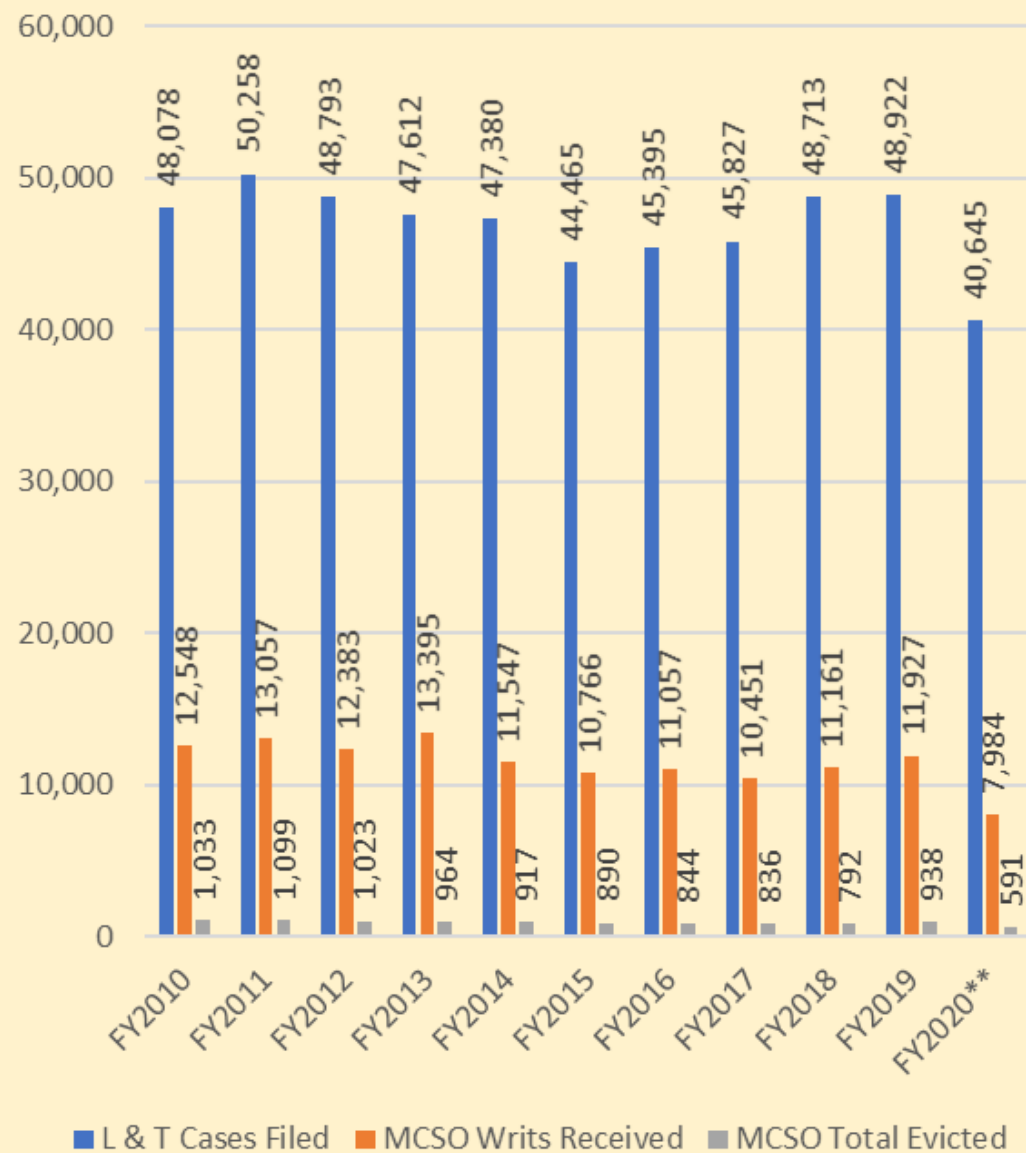
The Montgomery County Family Justice Center: 240-773-0444
safe@montgomerycountymd.gov
The Montgomery County Crisis Center: 240-777-4000 (24 hours/horas)

 www.montgomerycountymd.gov/fjc/





Eviction Cases Filed in Court vs MCSO Writs Received and Executed



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